

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 have been previously canceled; claims 7, 8, 17 and 18 are currently canceled. Claims 9, 13, 14, 16, 19, 24 and 26 have been amended. No new claims have been added by way of this response. Thus, claims 9-16 and 19-26 are currently pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Objections:

The Examiner has objected to claims 7-26 for informalities. Applicant has corrected the informalities and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objections.

Request for Allowance:

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that claims 9-12, 19-23 and 25 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 9 and 19 have been rewritten in such a manner. Furthermore, claims 10-16 have been amended to depend on allowable claim 9 and claims 20-26 have been amended to depend on allowable claim 19.


In view of the amendments to claims 9 and 19 Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9 and 19 are in condition for allowance as well as claims 10-16 and 20-26 which depend thereon.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the objections and rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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